

(d) the reasons therefor and the Government's reaction thereto;

(e) the details of performance of IRE and yearly profit earned during the last three years;

(f) the details of the investment at Chavara plant and the reasons for low investment;

(g) the details of complaints received by the Union Government regarding irregularities in IRE, Chavara in Kerala;

(h) the action taken by the Government thereon;

(i) the amount spent every year by Chavara Indian Rare Earth Plant on welfare measure to the inhabitants of the mining area of the plant;

(j) the norms on such expenditure in mining companies;

(k) the Mining Welfare Board is functioning at Chavara for the welfare of the area but the funds are inadequate; and

(l) if so, the measures undertaken by the Government to give better welfare to these people ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) and (b) Work on expansion of the existing production capacity of Indian Rare Earth's (IRE's) plant at Chavara by 70,000 tonnes per annum by setting up a new mineral recovery plant is in progress and it is likely to be commissioned by March, 1997.

(c) and (d) No new project is being undertaken by the Indian Rare Earths Limited on its own in the Chavara area and hence the question of objections by the residents to such a proposal does not arise.

(e) The performance of the Indian Rare Earths Limited and the profit earned each year during the last 3 years are as under :

	(Rs. in crore)		
	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
1. Value of Production	101.94	131.25	153.99
2. Sales	104.29	130.17	145.26
3. Profit/(loss) after Tax.	(1.31)	2.32	1.08

(f) The gross block of the Chavara plant of the Indian Rare Earths Limited which was set up about 30 years ago is Rs. 31.24 crore. Expansion and modernisation of

the Plant at a cost of approximate Rs. 30 crores is in progress. This cannot be considered a low investment.

(g) and (h) A number of complaints have been received from various quarters alleging irregularities in awarding contracts for transportation of sand, lower capacity utilisation, fixed term appointments, appointment on compassionate grounds and for not recognising a union, etc. The complaints were examined in the Department of Atomic Energy and many of the complaints were found to be incorrect. The IRE has been directed to take action in one case.

(i) The amounts spent by the Chavara Plant of the Indian Rare Earths Limited on the welfare measures for the inhabitants of the mining area for the last five years are as follows :

	(Rs. in lakh)				
	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
1. Contributed directly for the welfare measures	5.50	0.19	3.36	7.03	18.11
2. Contributed to the Mining Area Welfare Board	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
Total	10.50	5.19	8.36	12.03	23.11

(j) to (l) No norms have been laid down for such expenditure. A mining Area Welfare Board, with the District Collector of Kollam as Chairman, has been set up by the Government of Kerala. IRE is contributing its Share to this Welfare Board in addition to direct contributions as indicated in (i) above.

[Translation]

#### Allotment of Kerosene

5307. SHRI DATTA MEGHE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the quota of kerosene in litres allocated to Maharashtra every month;

(b) the quantum of kerosene out of it sold at fair price shops and in open market separately; and

(c) the prices fixed by the Government for the kerosene to be sold at fair price shops and in open market separately ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU):

(a) The monthly quota of kerosene for the State of Maharashtra for 1996-97 is 16,52,24,000 litres.

(b) The Central Government makes bulk allocation of kerosene to States/UTs. Its retail distribution within the State is the responsibility of the State Government. The kerosene allocated by the Central Government is not meant for sale in the open market.

(c) the State Government fixed the prices of kerosene to be sold through fair price shops and to industries. The ex-storage prices of domestic and industrial kerosene charged by oil companies exclusive of excise duty as on date are as under :—

Domestic Kerosene — Rs. 2001.40 per K.L.  
Industrial Kerosene — Rs. 6518.63 per KL.

Under the Parallel Marketing Scheme, private parties are allowed to import and market kerosene at market-determined prices.

[English]

#### Unnikrishnan Committee on Deep Sea Fishing

5308 SHRI ANANTH KUMAR :  
SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN :  
SHRI N.J. RATHWA :  
PROF. OMPAL SINGH NIDAR :  
DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI :

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have accepted the recommendations of Unnikrishnan Committee on deep sea fishing;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to implement the same;

(c) whether the Government are aware that the fishermen's groups and coastal States Governments had been demanding cancellation of charter permits, joint ventures and leasing permissions to foreign fishing companies;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the reaction of Union government in this regard;

(f) whether a legislation is proposed to be brought in this regard; and

(g) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI DILIP KUMAR RAY) : (a) to (g) Information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the Sabha.

#### Take Over of Land by Oil Companies

5309. DR. A.K. PATEL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the land acquired by oil companies in the country in different States are paying the land price as per the prevailing market price thereby causing loss to farmers whose land has been taken over by these companies for drilling and other activities;

(b) whether dependents of persons whose land has been acquired which was their only livelihood have not or are not being provided job by the respective companies in various areas of the country; and

(c) if so, the steps, the Government have taken or propose to take in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU):

(a) The oil companies are paying the land price fixed by the competent authorities of the State Governments in accordance with the provisions of the Land Acquisition Act, 1984 and other applicable Acts.

(b) The rehabilitation of families displaced on account of various projects of oil companies is done by way of monetary compensation and providing employment to such persons who fulfil the eligibility criteria subject to availability of vacancies.

(c) Does not arise.

#### Acquisition of Land

5310. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ :  
PROF. PREM SINGH CHANDUMAJRA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large area of land has been acquired by the government in the State of Delhi;

(b) if so, the area of land acquired by the Government till March, 1996;

(c) the area of land, out of the above, under possession of DDA;

(d) whether it is also a fact that a large part of the said acquired land is under illegal possession;

(e) if so, the area of land under the said illegal possession; and

(f) the area of the land in the State of Delhi lying unused so far in spite of the same being under possession of DDA?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) Yes, Sir.